

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 334

January 24, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the limitation on the successful completion of an accredited sleep technologist educational program (A-STEP) that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine from fulfilling the education requirement to be licensed as a polysomnographic technologist.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, completion of an A-STEP program does not fulfill the education requirement to be licensed as a polysomnographic technologist if there are at least four polysomnographic technologist educational programs in this state, with at least two in the East Grand Division and one each in the Middle and West Grand Divisions, that remain accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs for two years.
- The proposed legislation establishes that completion of an A-STEP program will fulfill the education requirement to be licensed as a polysomnographic technologist, without limitation.
- There are currently three polysomnographic educational programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs operating in Tennessee.
- Allowing A-STEP programs to fulfill the education requirement for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist is not estimated to result in a significant change in the number of licenses issued by the Board of Polysomnography.
- Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Polysomnography had a surplus of \$6,643 in FY20-21, a deficit of \$14,611 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$10,722 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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